UCSD Spring Quarter 2011

HIAF 120

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-9:20 A.M. H&SS 5053

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HISTORY OF SOUTH AFRICA

This course examines the history of South Africa from 1652-the present. The course will help students to understand the forces that have shaped contemporary South Africa. We will examine the early societies and culture, the contact with Europe, and the consequences for these societies. Our study will include European settler society, slavery, the British in South Africa, and the early 19th century upheavals in South Africa. The impact of the discovery of diamonds and gold, industrialization of South Africa, and the conflict between Africans, the Afrikaner, and the British will receive attention. The emergence of segregation, racial politics, apartheid, African nationalism, and the factors that led to the creation of a multi-racial democracy will be examined. There will be a mid-term examination on April 28th and a final on June 9th. A ten page term paper will be due on May 26th. Each of these assignments will count 1/3rd of the student's course grade.

Text s (all texts are also on reserve)

Leonard Thompson, A History of South Africa

Nelson Mandela, Long Walk to Freedom

J.B. Peires, The Dead Will Arise

Lectures and Assignments

March 29 and 30 Introduction and Overview

Early History of South Africa

European Beginnings in South Africa

April 5 and 7 Dutch settlement at the Cape

Thompson, Chapter 2

April 12 and 14 The Mfecane

The British at the Cape

The Great Trek

Thompson, Chapter 3

Finish reading Peires

April 19,21,26 Diamonds and Gold

The Scramble for South Africa

The Boer War and Independence

Thompson, Chapter 4

April 28 Mid-Term Examination (Bring Blue Books)

May 3,6,10 Politics of Segregation

African Resistance

Road to War

Start reading Mandela's book

Thompson Chapter 5

My 12 17, 19 War and the Nationalist Government of 1948

Apartheid and Black Politics

Continue to read Mandela's book

Thompson, Chapter 6

May 24, 26, 31 Intensification of Apartheid

Steven Biko, Black Consciousness

The End of Apartheid

Finish reading Mandela, Thompson, Chapters 7, 8, 9

May 26 Term paper is due

June 2 Conclusion

(Make sure all reading assignments have been completed)

June 9 Final Exam